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IN APPRECIATION

We, the Seniors of 1956 sincerely dedicate this annual to our parents and our sponsor, who contributed so much toward helping us achieve this goal which we have been working for throughout our school years.

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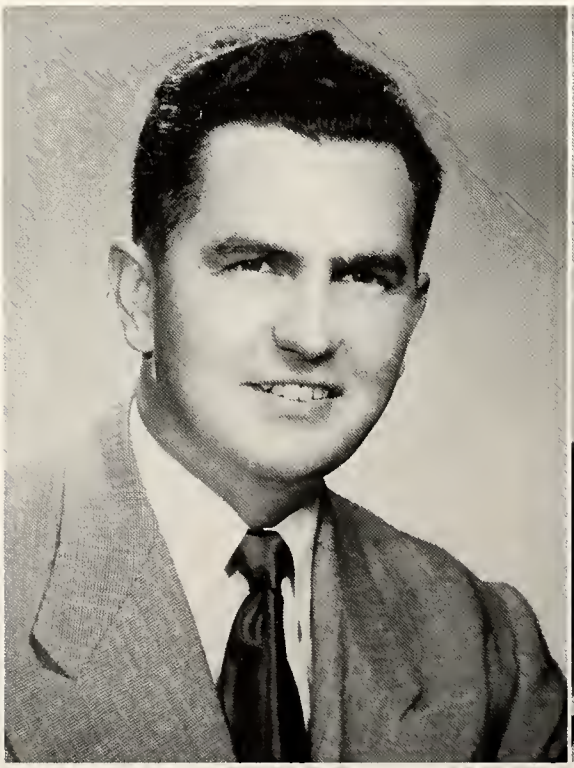

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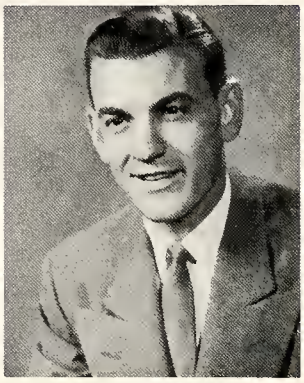

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Music Department
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Ninth Grade Sponsor

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English
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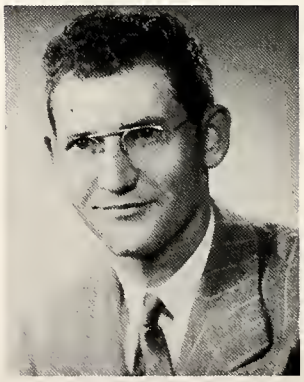

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Seventh Grade Sponsor

JANET BOWLING
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Sixth Grade

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Third Grade

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Fifth Grade

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Second Grade

HELEN EGLY
Fourth Grade

HELEN MARSH
Art Department

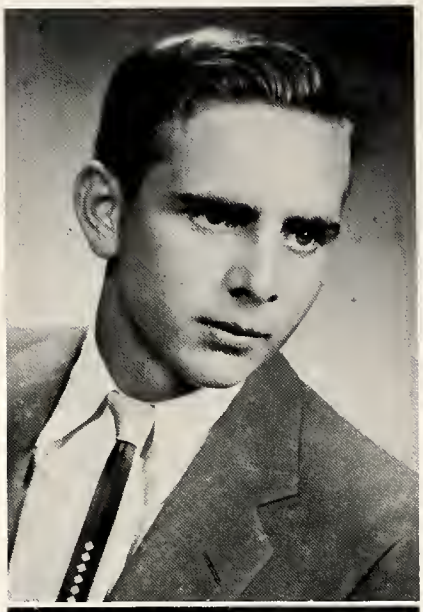
MARY JANE REHLING
First Grade

"REST ASSURED"

"HILLBILLY WEDDIN'"

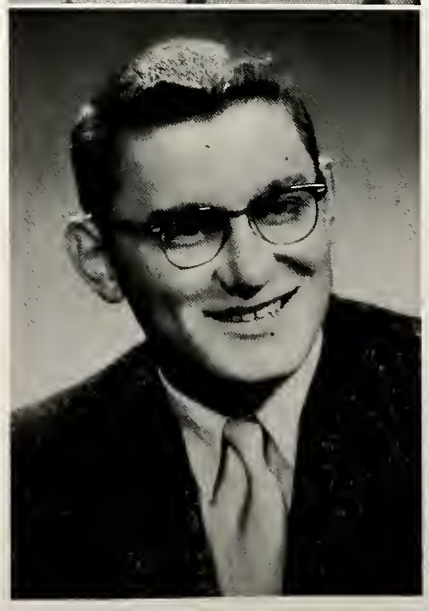
SENIORS

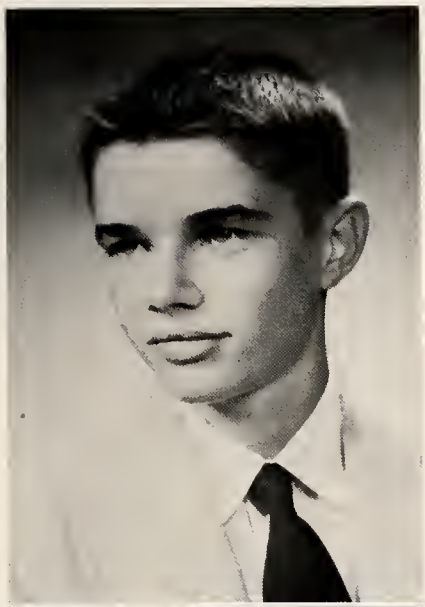
ROBERT DEAN BANTER
Basketball.....1-2
Baseball.....1-4
Track.....3-4
Chorus.....1
Class Play.....3



JOAN LORRAINE
ALBERSON
Band.....1-2-3
Chorus.....1-2-3
Newsreporter.....1-2-3
Annual Staff.....4
Panther Staff.....4
Office.....4
Class Play.....3-4
Operetta.....1
G.A.A.....1
Student Music Director..3
Librarian.....4

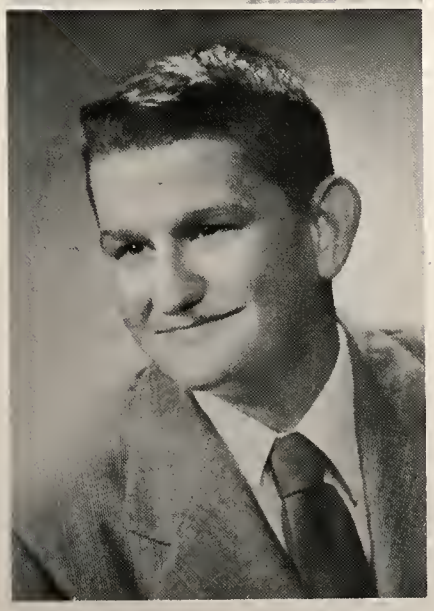
JAY BETTS
Basketball.....2
Chorus.....1-2
Class Play.....4



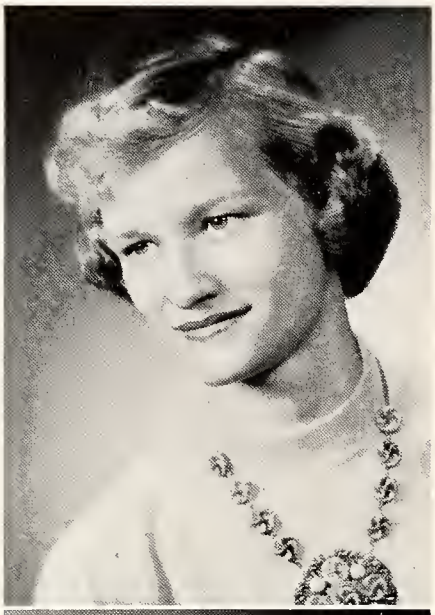


PAUL BRYANT JR.
Paper Staff. 4
Basketball. 1-2
Chorus. 1
4-H. . . . . .5 yrs.
Class Play. 3-4

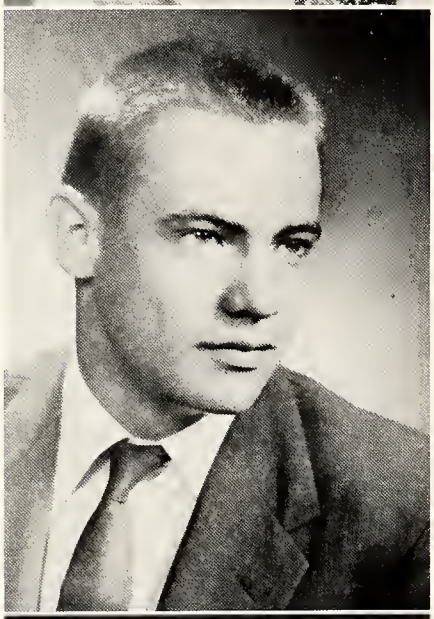
DOROTHY ANN DUBACH
Paper Staff. 4
G. A. A. 1-2-3
Band. 1
Chorus. 1-2-4
Operetta. 1
Girls Quartet. 4
4-H. . . . . .5 yrs.
Class Play. 4



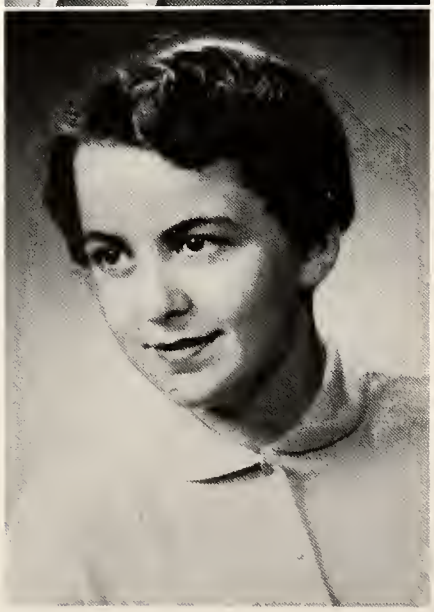
WAYNE LEE FOUST
Basketball. 2
Class Play. 4
Vice-President. 3
Chorus. 2
Intramural. 1-3-4



ARLENE ANN GENTIS
Secretary. 4
G.A.A. 1-2
Paper Staff. 4
Chorus. 1-2
Operetta. 1
Class Play. 3
Prompter. 4



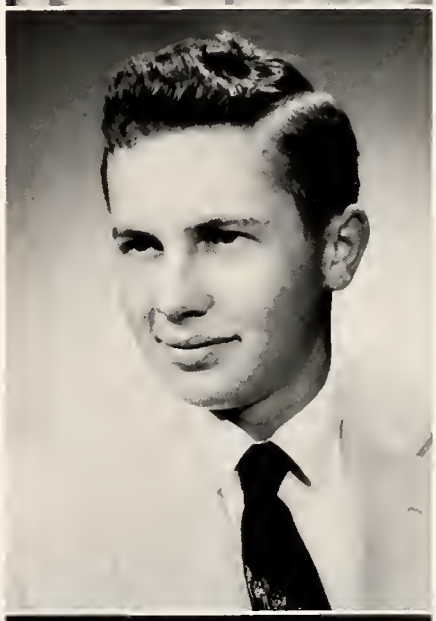
KENT IFER JOHNS
President. 2
Basketball. 1-2-3-4
Softball. 1
Baseball. 2-3-4
Intramural. 1
4-H. . . . . .7 yrs.
Chorus. 2



PEGGY LOU GERBER
Treasurer. 4
G. A. A. 1
Art. 3
Operetta. 1
Chorus. 1
Class Play. 3-4

WILMA JOSEPHINE
HARSHMAN
Office. 4
Class Play. 4

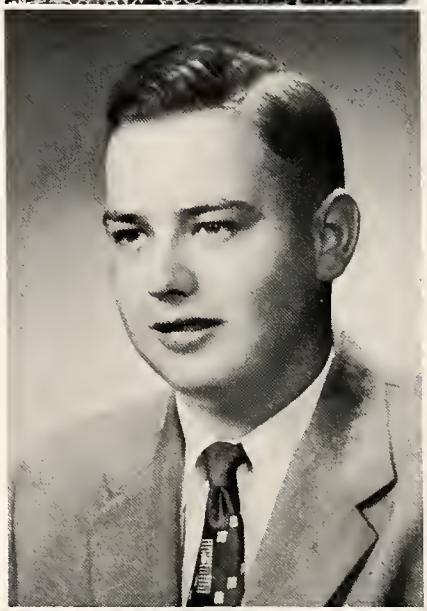
CLYDE WILLIAM MYERS
Treasurer. 1
Basketball. 1-3-4
Chorus. 1
4-H. . . . . .2 yrs.



BETTY LOU HOLLOWAY
President. 3-4
Office. 4
G. A. A.. 1-2-3
Chorus. 1-2
Operetta. 1
Play Prompter. 3-4
Librarian. 1-2

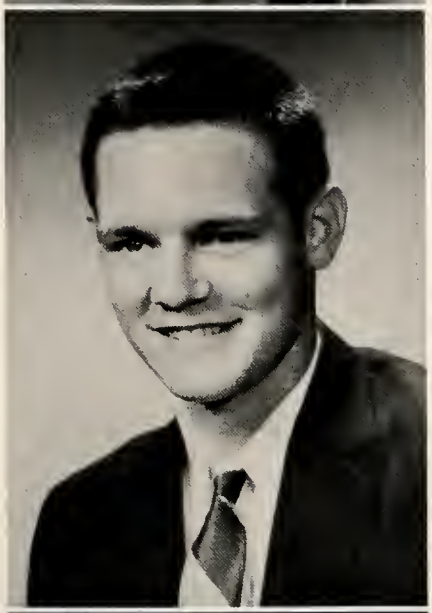
CAROLYN JOYCE IFER
Panther Staff. 4
Office. 4
Librarian. 1-2
Class Play. 3-4

PAUL DEAN PINKERTON
Basketball. 1-2
Intramural. 3-4
Chorus. 1
4-H. . . . . .4 Yrs.
Class Play. 3-4



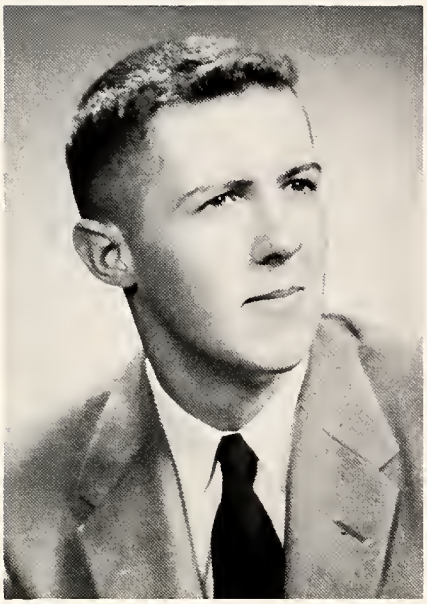
DONNA JEAN KIRKWOOD
Office. 4
Panther Staff. 4
G. A. A.. 1-2-3
Chorus. 1-2
Operetta. 1
4-H. 7
Cheerleader. 2-3
Class Play. 3-4

CONNIE LOU MONCE
Vice-President. 1
Treasurer. 2
Secretary. 3
Chorus. 1-2
Panther Staff. 4
Class Play. 3-4
Office. 4
Operetta. 1
G. A. A.. 1-2-3
Cheerleader. 2-4
Librarian. 4
4-H. . . . . .7 yrs.



ROBERT LEONARD
STAUFFER
Vice-President. 4
Paper Staff. 4
Annual Staff. 4
Chorus. 1
Intramural. 1-2
Basketball. 1-2-3-4
Softball. 1
Baseball. 2-3-4
Track. 2-3-4
Class Play. 3-4

MARTHA ROSE PEASE
Vice-President. 2
Office. 4
G. A. A.. 1-2-3
Chorus. 1-2
Operetta. 1
4-H. . . . . .7 yrs.
Class Play. 4



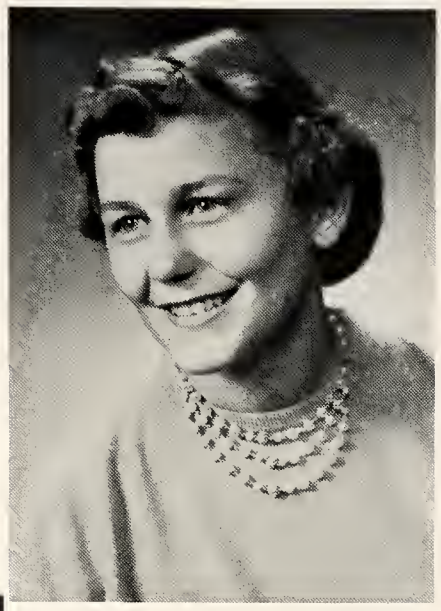
JAMES THEODORE
TAYLOR
Intramural. 1-2
Basketball. 1-2-3-4
Baseball. 1-2-3-4
Chorus. 1
4-H. . . . . .5 yrs.
Class Play. 3-4

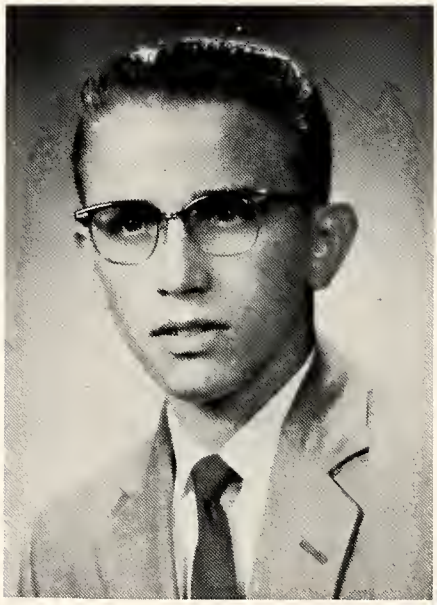
CAROLYN SUE SETTLE
Office. 4
Chorus. 2
G. A. A.. 1
Class Play. 4

LOLA MAE SHAFFER
Operetta. 1
Band. 3,4
Chorus. 1,2,4
Class Play. 3,4
Office 3,4
Quartet. 4

JESSE ANDREW STONER
JR.
President 1
Paper Staff. 3
Basketball 1,2
Track 1,2
Art 1,2,3
Band 2,3
Chorus 1
Class Play. 3,4

NANCY SUE WILLIAMS
Secretary 2
Treasurer 3
Office 4
G.A.A. 1,2,3
G.A.A. Pres. 3
Chorus 1,2
Operetta 1
4-H . . . . . 5 years
Cheerleader. 3
Class Play 3,4





KASH VANOVER
Basketball. 1
Manager. 2,3,4
Class Play. 3
Treasurer. 4
Annual Staff 4

CAROLYN ALICIA WILSON
Secretary 1
Panther Staff 4
Office 4
Band 3
Chorus. 1,2
Operetta. 1
4-H. . . . . 2 years
Class Play 4

SENIOR CLASS WILL

We the undersigned, representing the class of '56' hereby declare this to be our last will and testament April 29, 1956.

ARTICLE I

To the Juniors, we will all our passes, privileges, and excuses.

To the sophomores, we will more Senior boys for the girls to go with, and success in all sports to the Sophomore boys.

To the Freshmen, we will our honor to go through High School and have two Valedictorians of the class.

ARTICLE II

To MR. FLICK, we will a group of office girls and secretaries as good as the ones this year.

To MRS. KINDLESPARGER, our sponsor, we will a more cooperative class and best wishes always.

To MR. CLINKENBEARD, we will another "County Champ" basketball trophy, and a bigger and better Commercial Class.

To MRS. TANGEMAN, we will a group of Senior girls who don't make her sick, and a quiet study hall.

To MISS BOWLING, we will a group of Freshmen girls who are interested in Home Ec.

To MR. BROWN, we will a new set of Agriculture tables whose tops won't lift.

To MRS. LAUTZENHEISER, we will the opportunity to accompany the graduating class of '57' on their trip.

To MRS. ROSE, we will a class of Senior boys who want to take chorus.

To MRS. MARSH, we will a high school art group who wants to draw something besides automobiles.

ARTICLE III

SENIORS WILL

In witness hereof we, the undersigned attorneys do fix our names this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord 1956.

I, MARTHA PEASE, being of sound mind and able body do hereby will my ability to stick to one boy, to my sister Linda, and my ability to skip study hall to anyone who thinks they can get away with it.

I, DONNA KIRKWOOD, will my ability to be cheerleader 2 years to anyone who has someone special to yell for and my seat in the assembly to Jerry Beechler.

I, NANCY WILLIAMS, will my ability to write so others can read it to Sarah Kindlesparger and my glasses to anyone who looks better in them than I do.

I, PEGGY GERBER, will my artistic ability to any agriculture boy who likes to display their art work under the tables in the Agriculture room, and my ability to be able to stick to one boy to my kid sister, Judy.

I, CONNIE MONCE, will my "dark" hair to Patty Lovell and a seat at the ball games to any cheerleader who can keep it longer than I have been able to.

I, SUE SETTLE, will my ability to skip study hall to anyone who can get by with it and my ability to be called "Principal" to anyone that thinks he can hold the job.

I, PAUL PINKERTON, will nothing because I have nothing to will.

I, PAUL BRYANT, JR., will my ability to fix up old junk cars to Jimmy R. and my brand new 40 Plymouth to anyone who thinks they can drive it.

I, JOAN ALBERSON, will my ability to have a diamond ring to Pat Baumgartner and my ability to be in the office to Herbie Dulinski.

I, JAY BETTS, of weak mind and poor body do leave my results specimen of manly muscles to Dallas Bunch.

I, JIM TAYLOR, will my ability to get good grades to anyone who can do it, my ability to get out of class to anyone who can talk slick enough.

I, BETTY HOLLOWAY, will my ability to be President for 2 years to anyone who can keep the class' attention.

I, JESSE STONER, JR., hereby will my ability to come to two classes the last semester to anyone who has enough credits.

I, JOYCE IFER, will my red hair to anyone who has the time to keep it red and my privileges of taking Drivers Training twice to the Junior boys, who seem to need it worse than I do.

I, DOROTHY DUBACH, will my nickname "Ducky" to anybody who can keep it as long as I have.

I, BOB BANTER, will all my unexcused blanks to Floyd Harshman.

I, CAROLYN WILSON, will my quiet disposition to Judy Gerber, my shortness to Charlie Cowens and my big dish of Chop Suey to Mary Jane Grimm if she can eat it.

I, BILL MYERS, will Donnie Okey my ability to play the snare drums and to Carl Pease a new girlfreind who will be as faithful as Sydonna.

I, WILMA HARSHMAN, will my quietness to Patty Baumgartner and my ability not to be sent to the office to my brother Dwayne.

I, BOB STAUFFER, being of sound body and intellimind, do hereby will my crew-cut to Donnie Okey, I also will my intelligent mind and sound body to Dallas Bunch.

I, LOLA SHAFFER, will my ability to fight with Shar-Stepp over drum sticks to Mrs. Rose; and my black glasses to anyone who will peroxide their hair.

I, WAYNE FOUST, will my ability to play on the Dirty Five Basketball team to Junior Miller.

I, KENT JOHNS, will my red pick-up to anybody who thinks he can pick up more than I did.

I, KASH VANOVER, being of sound mind and able body will my cowboy boots to Jerry Reaser.

I, ARLENE GENTIS, will my ability to get along with Mrs. Tangeman to anyone who thinks they can. Also my ability to get away with murder to Jerry Beechler.

SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

In a vine covered cottage with a play pen in the backyard lives Miss Arlene Gentis. As you probably noticed she is still unmarried although she has looked far and wide for a husband.

On April 20, 1981, Arlene invited the two remaining old maids of the class, Donna Kirkwood and Connie Monce to come to her home. They were to discuss what they could do about getting a man.

Donna is a cook at the old maids home in Bluffton. The home is run by Connie Monce.

The girls arrived on time and after a few cups of coffee they started talking about the members of the class of 1956.

Unfortunately Martha Pease has fourteen children and lives in Salt Lake City with her husband, Don Okey.

Donna told of a letter from Lola Shaffer saying that she is traveling with the Jay Betts Sharp Shooters. This professional rifle marksman group is owned and organized by Jay Betts. One of the main attractions is when Wayne Foust shoots a cigarette out of Lola's mouth while he is blindfolded.

On a recent man-hunting expedition Connie Monce went to the Fritzie's Ritzie Night Club. She was very much surprised to see Wilma Harshman in the line of the chorus girls. Connie said Wilma was the "kickingest" girl in the line. When a disturbance occurred she recognized the club's official bouncer as Paul Pinkerton.

This brought back recollections of other vacations the "girls" had taken. Arlene remembered when she went to Palm Beach last winter that she has recognized the handsome life guard as none other than Junior Bryant. He says one of his students has an exceptionally perfect shape but is still shy of water. Upon inquiry we find this student to be Jim Taylor.

Carolyn Wilson met a man through a Lonely Heart Club only to find out he didn't have any teeth. However Carolyn remedied this situation by going on the "Queen for a Day Show" and won him a set of false teeth. Upon examination we find this correspondent is Jesse Stoner.

Arlene and Donna tell Connie of an experience they had at the Street Fair. While ordering a hot dog they recognized the "cook and cookess" as Betty Holloway and Kent Johns. They have been traveling with the fair for twenty years and say there is no life like it.

Upon walking past the "Girlie Show" they noticed Kash Vanover as the man introducing the girls. In his troop are Nancy Williams and Joyce Ifer.

Joan Alberson and her husband have established a successful Brahman Cattle Farm in Wisconsin.

An interesting match is Sue Settle and Bob Banter who own "Settle and Banter Stock Yards" in Bluffton.

Peggy Gerber got married and with her husband run's a Dairy in Ohio.

Dorothy Dubach is in Kentucky teaching a one room school. Her "favorite" pupil is a sixteen year old boy. Their wedding date is set for when he graduates.

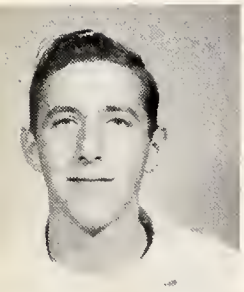
The girls are going to go to a show starring Bill Myers in "Watch out for that Short Man."

Bob Stauffer is the editor of "Charm Magazine." They say he has improved it a lot. There must be some reason for that.

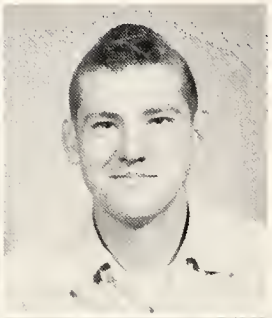
Mrs. Sarah Kindlesparger has added rooms to her new house to accomodate nineteen children. She is trying to beat the World's Record.

UNDERCLASSMEN

JUNIORS



Donald Addington



Janice Bates
Dallis Bunch

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REPORTER. . .Sharon Gregg Gentis

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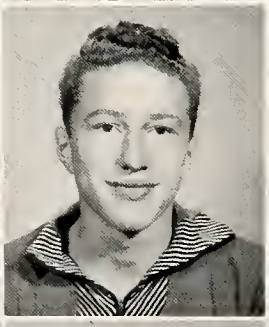
Judy Gerber
Mary Jane Grimm
Jill Harsman
Betty Barnes Mann



Amos Miller
Donnie Murray
Donnie Okey
Jimmy Ramseyer

Pauline Ramseyer
Jerry Reaser
Carol Taylor
Karol Williams

SOPHOMORES

RESIDENT. . . . .Donald Schooley
ICE-PRESIDENT. .Caroll Williams
ECRETARY. . . . . .Jone Gregg
REASURER. . . .Elizabeth Bryant
EPORTER. . .Dennis Diffenderfer

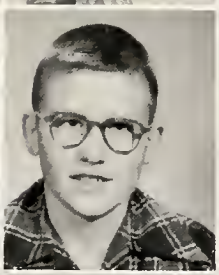
Richard Arnold
Janet Banter

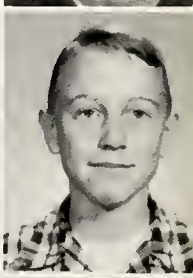
Barbara Cox
Carolyn Davis
Elizabeth Bryant - - absent

Dennis Diffenderfer
Donnie Engle
Ronnie Engle

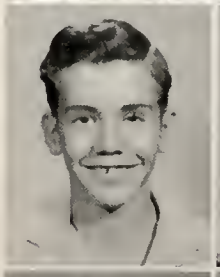
Robert Fear
Nancy Foust
Wyndetta Graham
Jone Gregg
Floyd Harshman

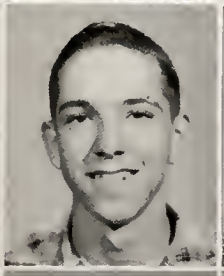
Sue Ifer
Ronald Johns
Kay Kirkwood
Patty Lovell
Earl Meshberger





Robert McFarren
Carl Pease
Joyce Penrod
Nancy Pinkerton
Sue Reynolds





Donald Schooley
Gary Shannon
Billy Stanton
Ramona Worman
Caroll Williams

FRESHMEN

Pat Baumgartner

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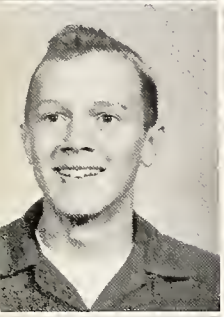

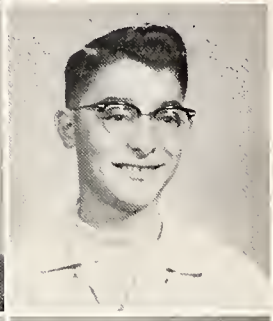

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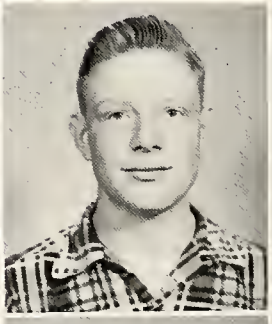

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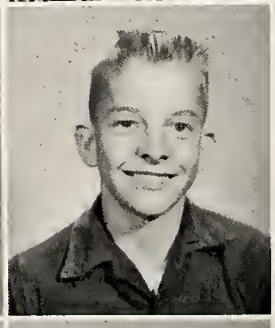

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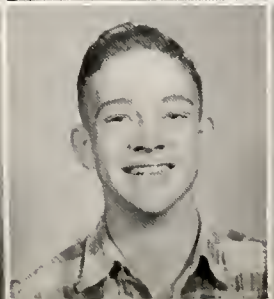

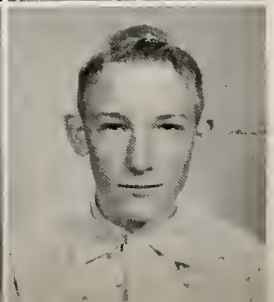

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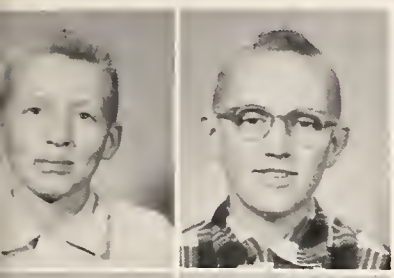

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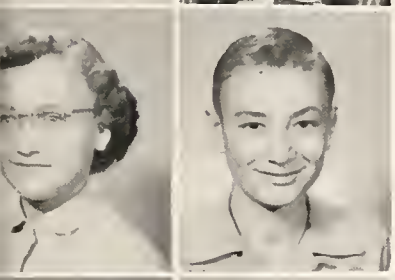

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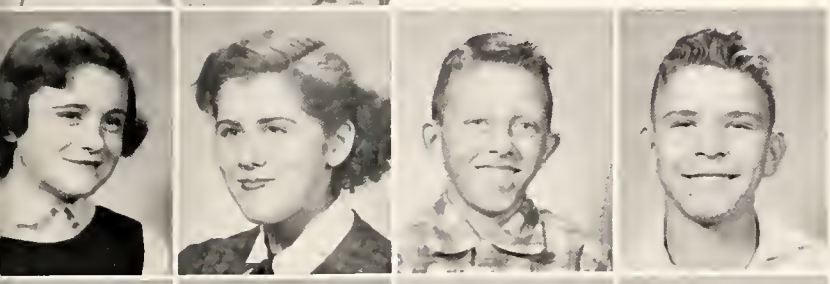

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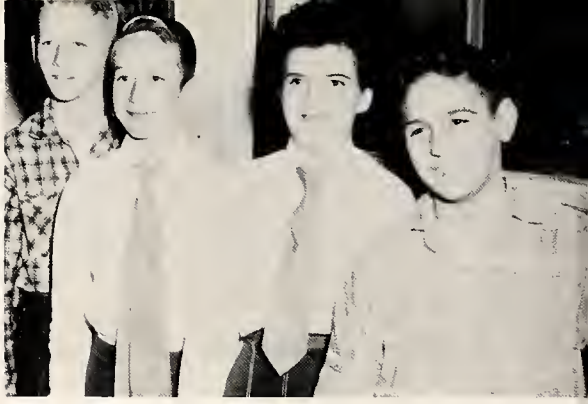

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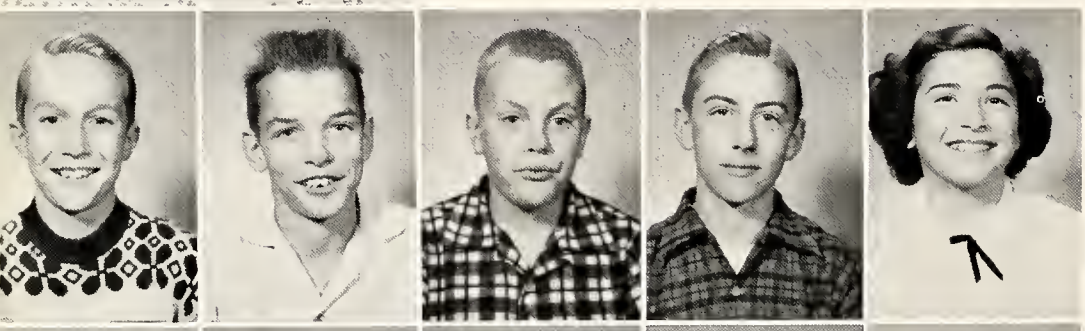

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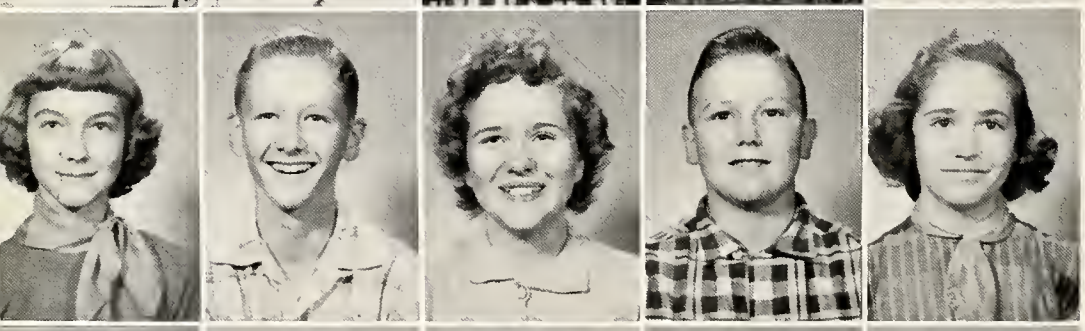

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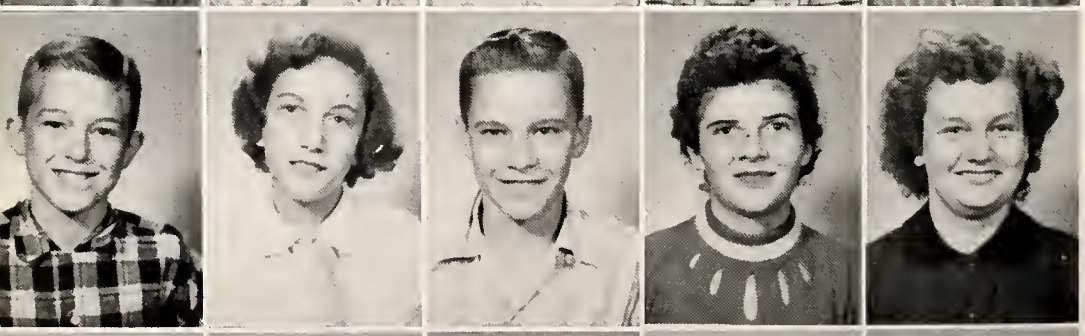

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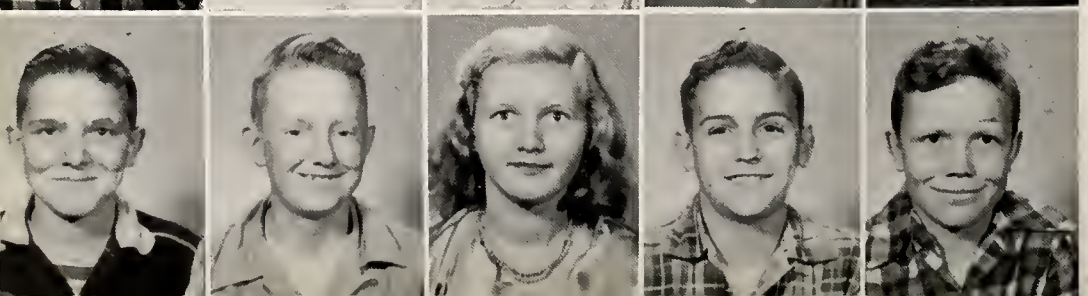

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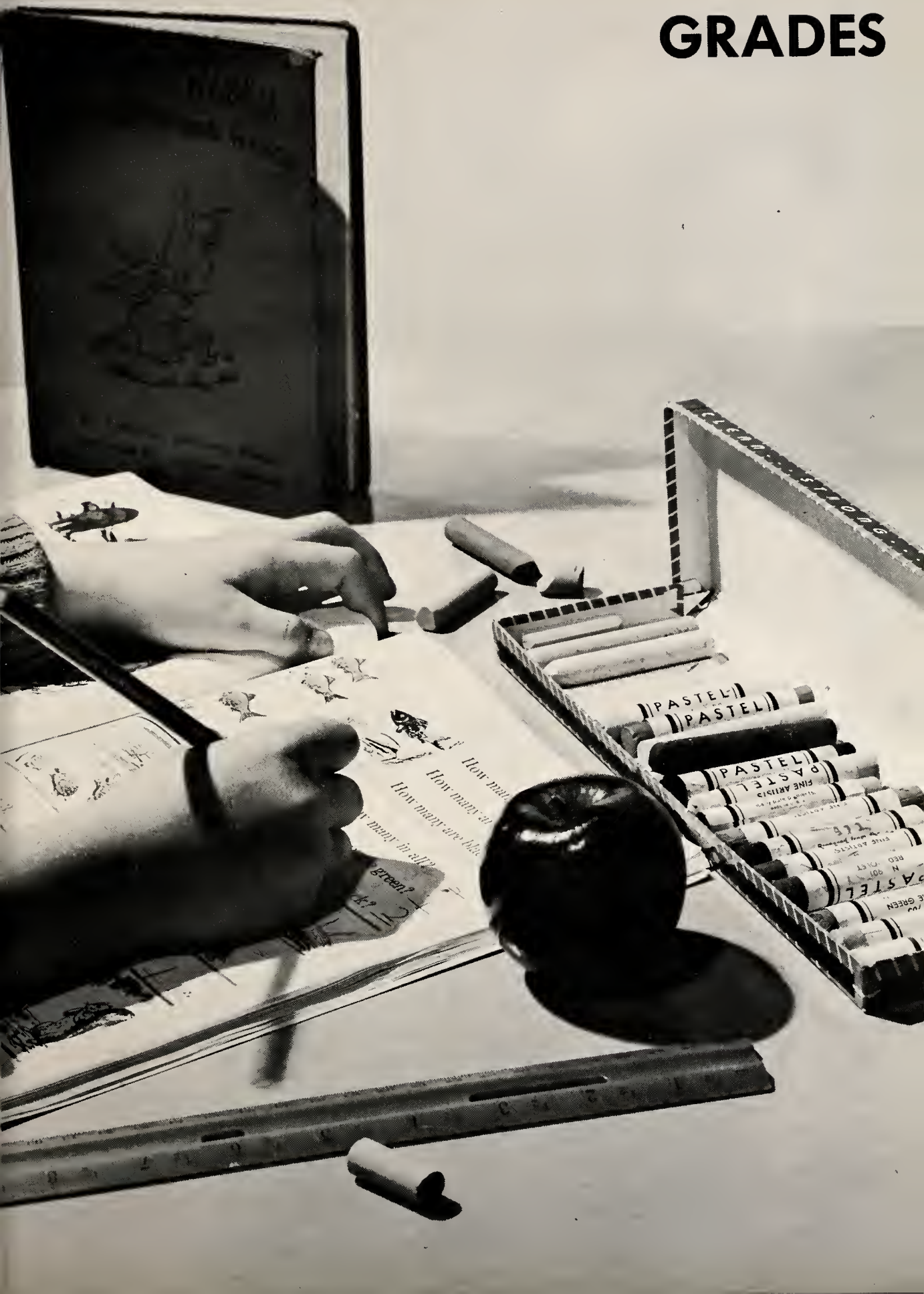

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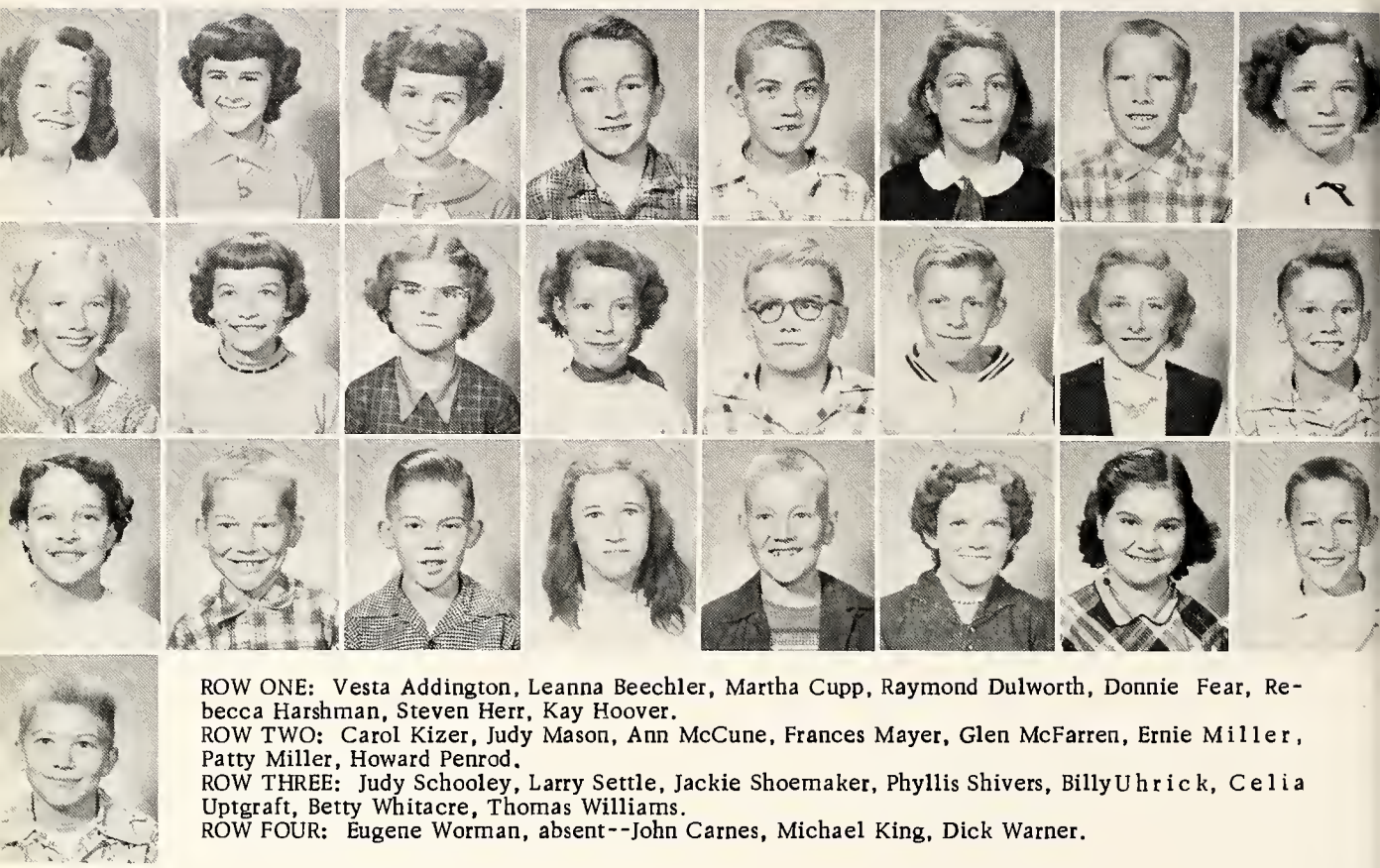

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ROW TWO: Carol Kizer, Judy Mason, Ann McCune, Frances Mayer, Glen McFarren, Ernie Miller, Patty Miller, Howard Penrod.
ROW THREE: Judy Schooley, Larry Settle, Jackie Shoemaker, Phyllis Shivers, Billy Uhrick, Celia Uptgraft, Betty Whitacre, Thomas Williams.
ROW FOUR: Eugene Worman, absent--John Carnes, Michael King, Dick Warner.

SENIOR SPEECH

FIFTH GRADE

ROW ONE: Charlotte Allen, Linda Bower, Ruth Bradley, Paula Burns, Lynette Carnes, Connie Davis, Arlene Diffenderfer, Priscilla Gerard.
ROW TWO: Bonita Gottschalk, Michael Harris, Brenda Harshman, Carol Harshman, Tommy Harshman, Philip Herr, Sandra Hiday, Dale Hoover.
ROW THREE: Jerry Jacobs, Diane Onweller, William Poling, Carolyn Ramseyer, Rebecca Terhune, Arnold Thomas, Janice Uptgraft, David Rose.

SENIOR GOVERNMENT

FOURTH GRADE

ROW ONE: Barbara Baker, Ed Baumgartner, Ted Baumgartner, Carolyn Bradley, Adron Burns, Eunice Burns, Larry Courtney, Gloria Davis.
ROW TWO: Billy Ewing, Francis Gaier, Terry Gerber, Laura Irvin, Patricia Liddy, Mary Minnich, Kenneth Noble, Harry Penrod.
ROW THREE: Thomas Rader, Deewayne Pamseyer, Leslie Shivers, Jean Schlagenhauf, Judy Shoemaker, Stephen Shoemaker, Judy Stanton, Kenneth Steiner.
FOUR FOUR: Thomas Thomas, Sheila Uptgraft, Carol Uhrick, Joan Williams, Bob Wilson, Jo Wolf.

BASKETBALL

THIRD GRADE

ROW ONE: Ronald Bowman, Donald Bowman, Rex Cale James Downing, Bonnie Fear, Phillip Fosnaugh, Linda Gerard, Vicke Sue Graves.
ROW TWO: Ann Harris, David Harshman, Kenneth Harshman, Carol Hiday, Shirley Hiday, Stephen Hott, Ronald Irvin, Richard Mayer.
ROW THREE: Larry Ewing, Robert McKwras, Rebecca Nusbaumer, Mary Ann Pinkerton, Wilma Ramseyer, Margaret Rose, Judith Stanley, Gary Studebaker.
ROW FOUR: Dell Williams, Tim Williams.

COMMERCIAL ARITHMETIC

SECOND GRADE

ROW ONE: Patsy Addington, Terry Baker, Denver Burns, David Brown, Connie Courtney; Joe Downing, Hizzie Eldridge, Danny Green.
ROW TWO: Sa Donna Hoover, Ralph Kizer, Charles Kirkwood, Diana Liddy, Diane Miller, Nan Pearson, Shirley Ramseyer, Dan Smith.
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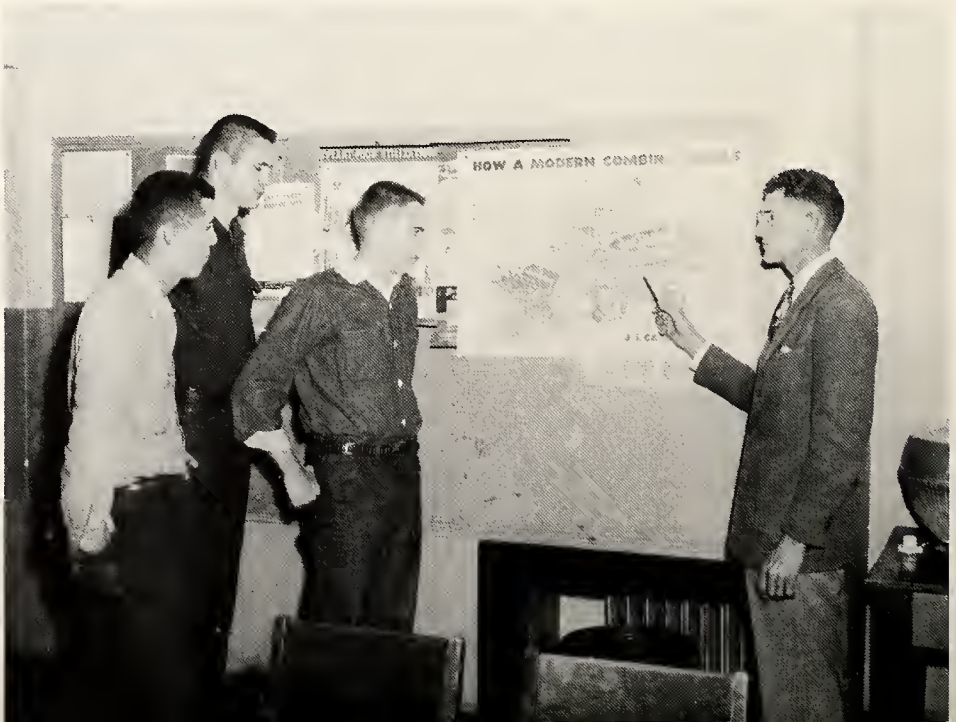

FIRST GRADE

FIRST ROW: Diana Baker, Thomas Barr, Richard Borror, Rosemary Brand, Judith Brown, Francis Brubaker, Joyce Burns, Kent Davison. SECOND ROW: Samuel Dulworth, Junior Eldridge, Linda Engle, Billy Jo Gaier, Gary Green, Betty Harshman, Robert Harshman, Paul Harshman. THIRD ROW: Simon Holloway, Johnie Kleinknight, Sandra Martin, Michael Meade, Lorraine Miller, Rebecca Minnich, Alice Pinkerton, Billy Ramseyer. FOURTH ROW: Marilyn Ramseyer, Rickey Risser, Lynn Schocke, Eileen Seal, George Studebaker, Judy Warner, Linda Williams, Susan Wilson. FIFTH ROW: Sandra Brown, Judith Harden, Linda Weir.

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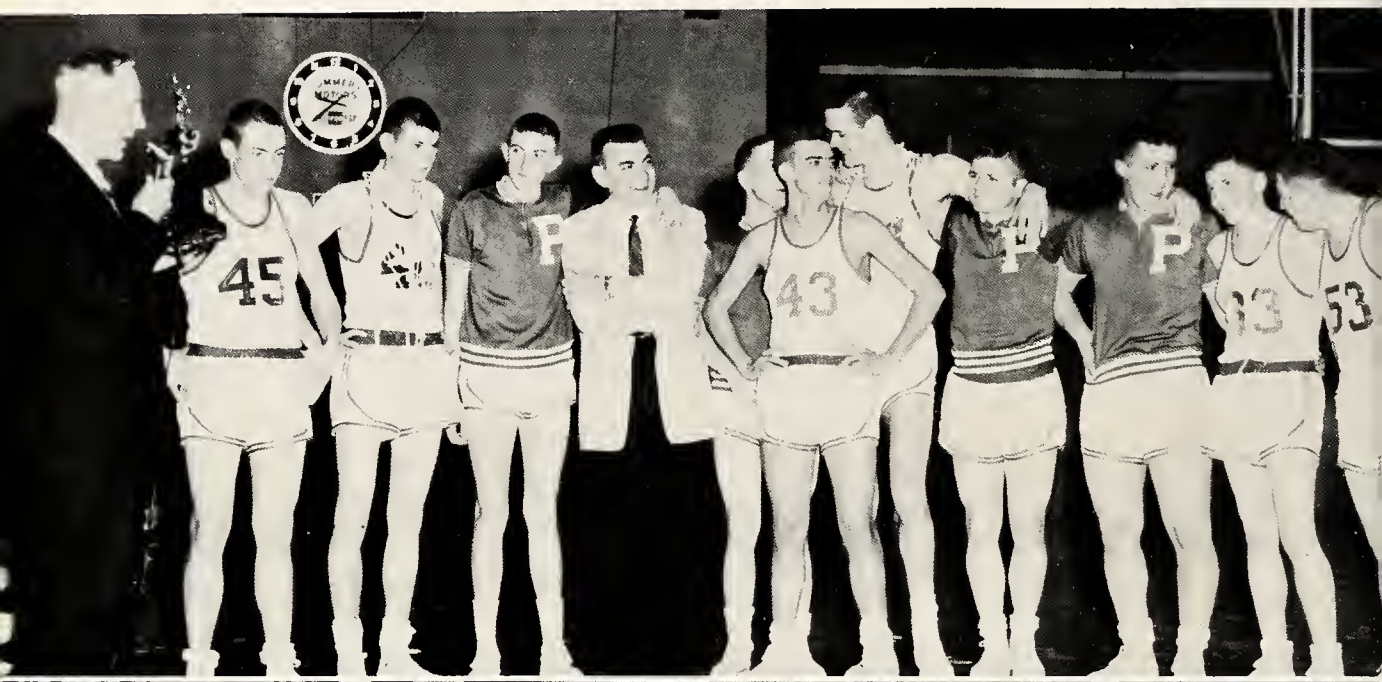

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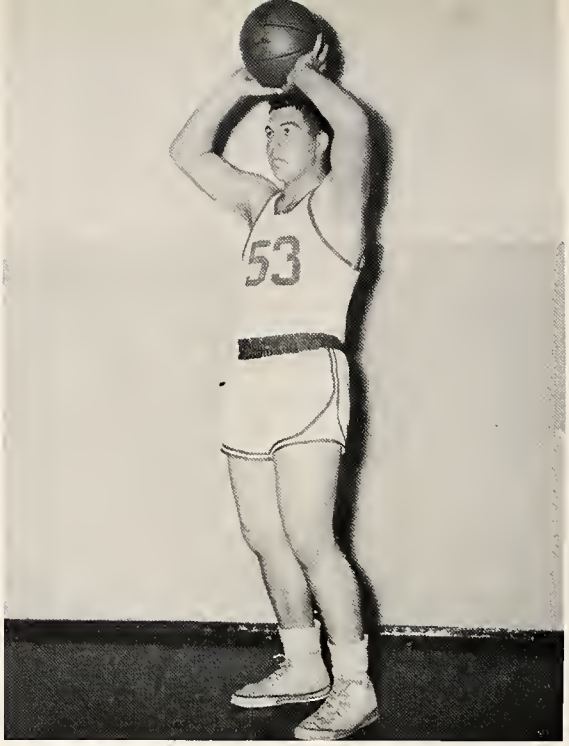

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RESERVE SQUAD

STANDING: Coach Merlin Clinkenbeard; Ronnie Johns; Ronnie Engle; Ted Williams; Jerry Beecher; Bob Fear; David Minnich; Gary Shannon, assistant manager. KNEELING: Richard Arnold; Donnie Engle; Donnie Mertz; Donnie Schooley; Gale Schooley; Dennis Diffenderfer; Earl Meshberger, assistant manager.

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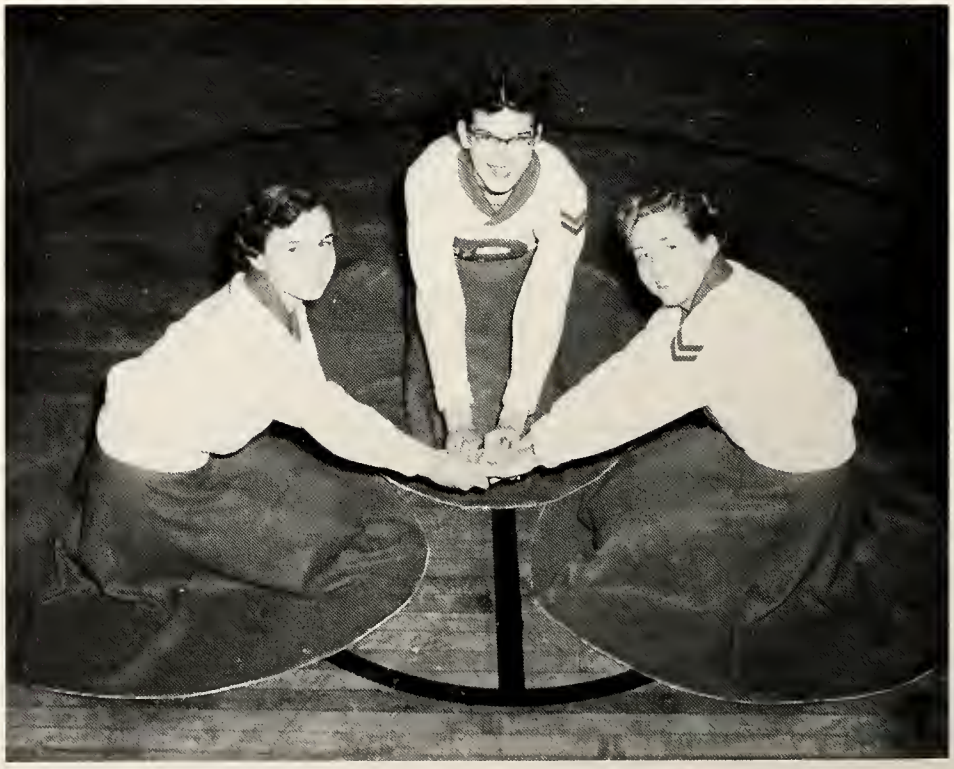

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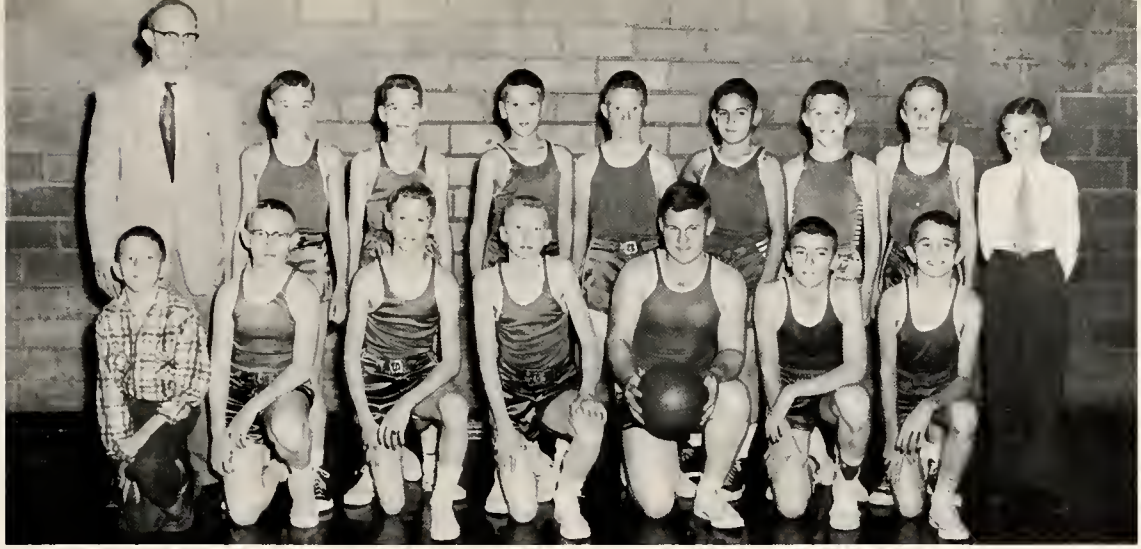

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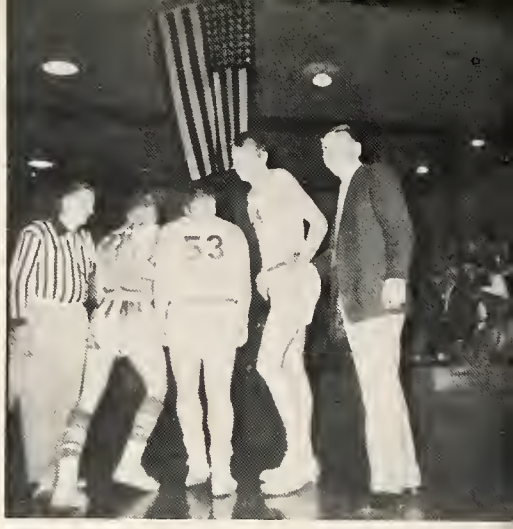

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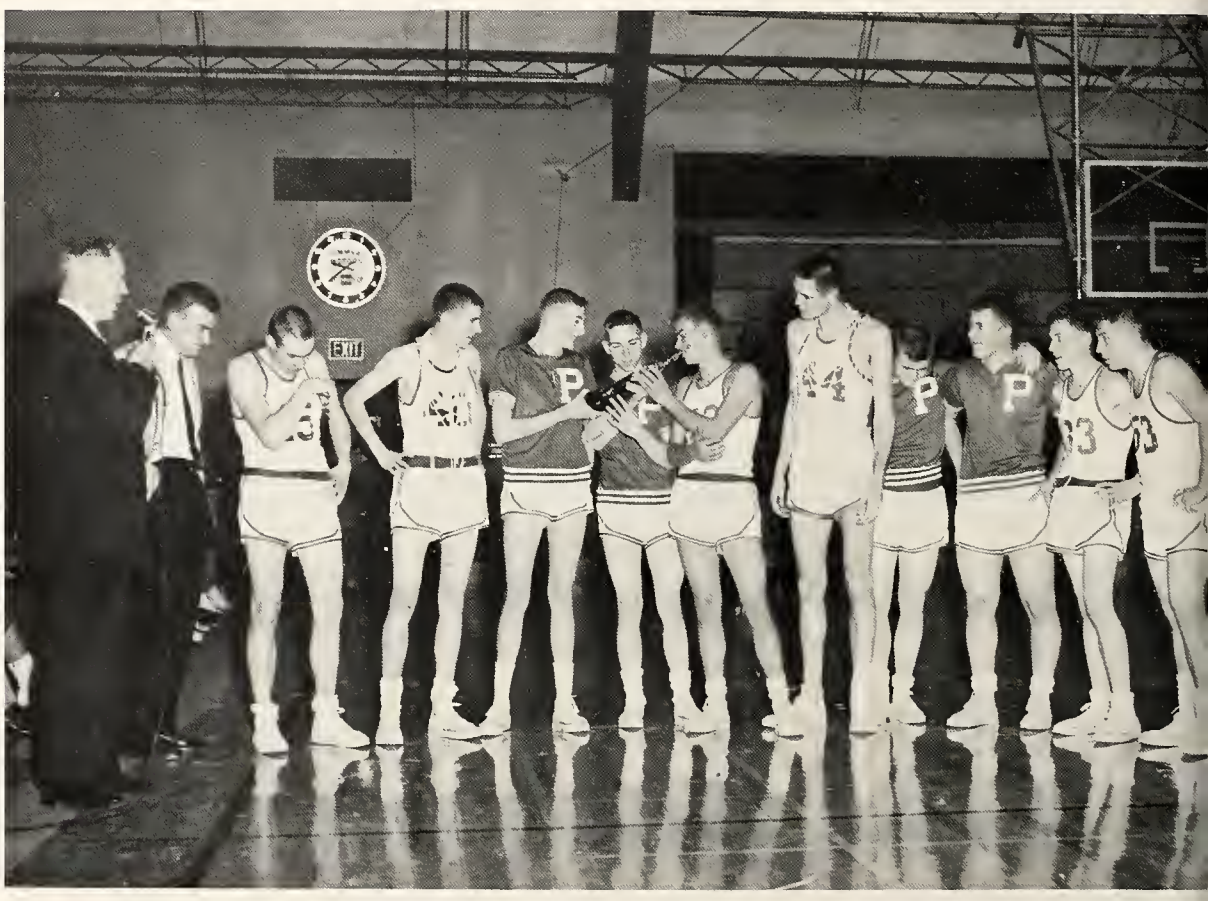

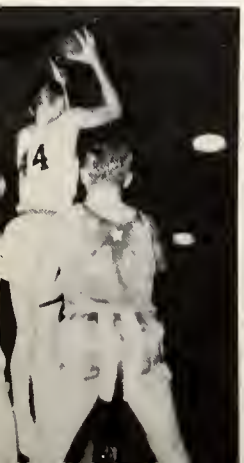

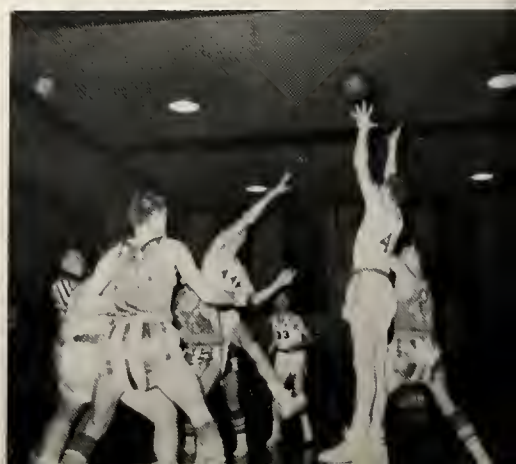

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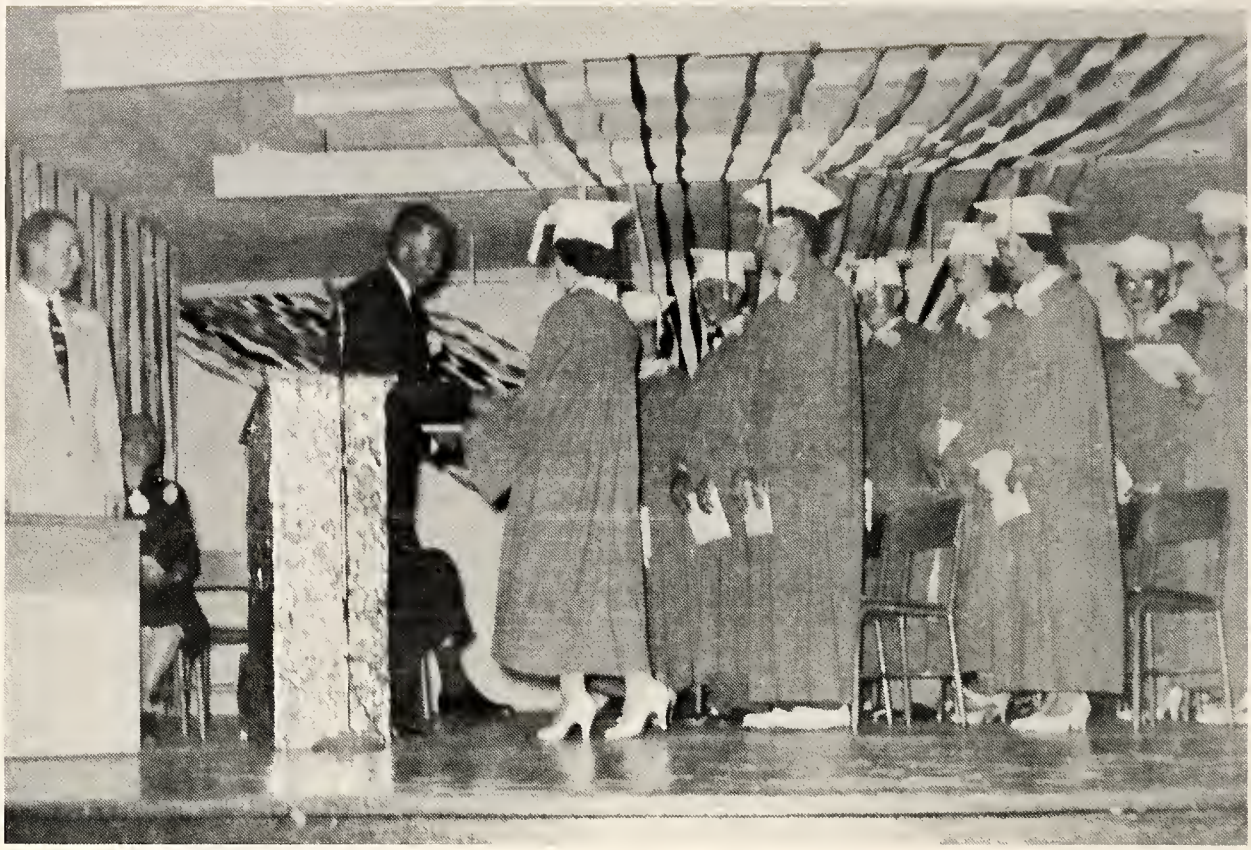

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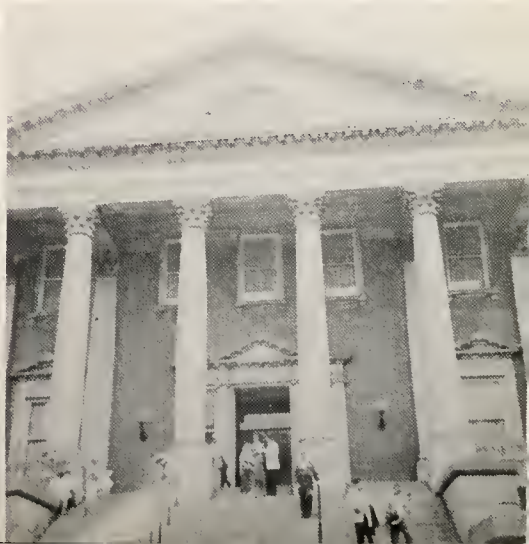

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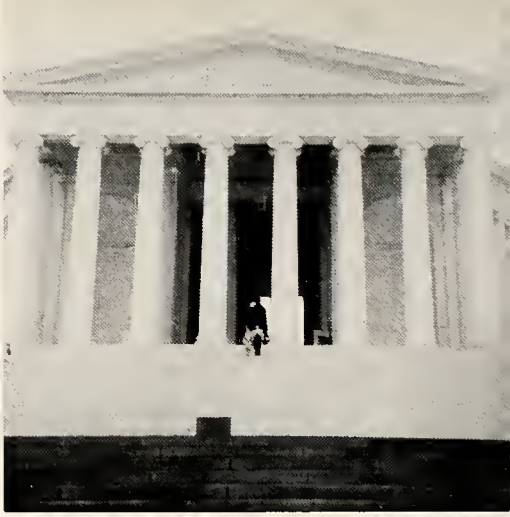

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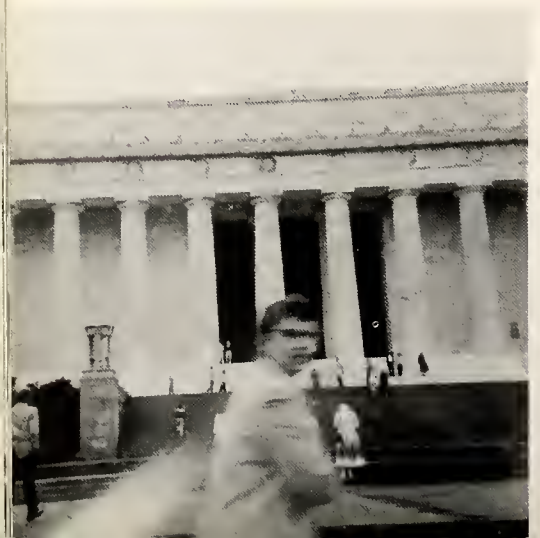

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